



the

great
adventure

Key Verses



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Today...



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Jesus asks, “7” simple things...



- *On Your Journey...* Proclaim Good News!
- *OYJ...* Heal sickness...
- *OYJ...* Cleanse the lepers...
- *OYJ...* Raise things that are dead...
- *OYJ...* Cast out demon powers and effects...
- *OYJ...* Freely give from My resources...
- *OYJ...* Don't worry about a thing!

Two parts...



- **Freely you have received!**
 - If there's ever been a scripture verse to get someone OFF a works mentality... THIS IS IT!
 - Listen: “You paid Jesus nothing, did nothing worthy, to get into the kingdom, to be drafted into the commission...”
 - Listen: “Don't make others pay, or do anything 'worthy,' to get it!”

Freely You Received...



- ...You were brought into the kingdom!
- ...You have received life and ministry!
- ...You were empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the good news of God's love, to pray prayers of faith over the sick, to reach to the outcasts, to bring life back to hopeless people and to see dry bones live, to rid them of the works and results of the devil...

Two parts...



- **So, freely give!**
 - Even though it's clear that we have received the kingdom freely...
 - The moment you say “give” it becomes about “how much...”
 - Then it's “how much of MY stuff is this going to cost me...”
 - And it's almost as if God knew...

It's in our nature...



- To see what we have been given as “ours” to measure out!
 - “As stewards of new lives, what do we have that we have not been given...?”
1Corinthians 4.1-7, 6.19,20
- To ‘value’ and then ‘price’ whatever it is we part with!
 - “How much is this worth? What do I get?”
 - Spiritual garage-sale mentality!

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- To need to be warned!
 - “Look, I’m *giving you* the commission to speak up and out, the power to do all these amazing things for people...”
 - “Don’t turn the verbs into nouns!”
 - “Speaker... Healer... Advocate... Restorer... Exorcist...”
 - Jesus message is clear, “Don’t hang a shingle... just do My work!”

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 - “Freely you received it all... so give it away in as large a quantity as you can!”

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 - “Give it away as freely, as liberally, as you would **SOMEONE ELSE’S STUFF!**”

In context...



- “As a free gift take all of this from Me and as a free gift give it away *to as many as you can reach...*” Lit
- No one is called to meter-out or make merchandise of the kingdom of God!
 - Simon Magus was rejected for just thinking it! **Acts 8.9ff**
 - Gehazi tried it and got sick! **2Kings 6.27**
 - We do not preach for filthy lucre’s sake! **1Tim 3.8ff, Titus 1.7ff, 1Peter 5.2ff**



**Jesus isn't looking for
ministry professionals...
He is empowering
kingdom patriots!**

Simple Asides...



- **Not an argument for unpaid staff...**
 - Priests housed and ate of the tithe...
 - Rabbi's of Jesus time supported by their community for concentrating on the things of God and the flock...
 - Paul's 'preaching without charge' was to make a 'purity of approach' point, but his presence there was provided by the support of another church/offering!



**Possessing the way and
truth of life, our duty is to
give it away without
needing to be “paid” for it!**

Free Resources...



- “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom!” **Luke 12.32**
- “God withholds nothing from those who walk uprightly before Him!” **Psalm 85.11**
- “Don’t withhold good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do it. Don’t tell them to come back another day when you have what they need in hand!” **Prov 3.27,28**

Free Resources...



- “There is one who freely gives and never needs and another who withholds and ends up doing without.” **Prov 11.24**
- “Whoever drinks the water that I (Jesus) give, it will be a well unto everlasting life... a river of living water that never runs dry!” **John 4.14, 7.38 (speaking of the Holy Spirit)**

Free Resources...



- “We have been given the mind of Christ!”
1Corinthians 2.16
- “We have been given the promise and power of the Spirit!” **Acts 1.4,8**
- “He has diverse gifts to give but He Himself is given to every one to benefit from!”
1Corinthians 12.6,7
- “As good stewards of the diverse grace of God, each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others!” **1P4.10**

Free Resources...



- “If it’s your time to speak, speak out as the oracle of God! If it is your time to take action, do it with the ability that God gives, so that He in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ!”
1Peter 4.11
- “God is for us... and if He gave us His Son, how will He not give us, with Him, freely all things?” **Romans 8.31,32**

Free Resources...



- The commission, the power, the gifts we have been given are not ours!
- Whether it's one, two or five 'talents,' we have received them without cost, as it pleases Him!
- The gifts we hold are to be given freely!
- *Those He calls, He equips, and His grace is sufficient for all our challenges!*



“freely give!”